

Advanced Placement English 12

Edith Hamilton's Mythology

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Consider as you study these characters, places, and events, where you may have already seen allusions to them. Note any that come to mind as you read and answer the following questions. Many of these are short identification answers. You will be tested on the entries that are marked by an asterisk when you return to school in August.

Study Guide for Part One: The Gods

The Titans and the Twelve Great Olympians

Titans: Cronus (Saturn), Ocean, Mnemosyne, Themis, Atlas, Prometheus

Questions: Who were the Titans? What happens to them? What characterizes the **Golden Age**?

Twelve Great Olympians: Zeus (Jupiter), Poseidon (Neptune), Hades (Pluto), Hestia (Vesta), Hera (Juno), Ares (Mars), Athena (Minerva), Apollo, Aphrodite (Venus), Hermes (Mercury), Artemis (Diana), Hephaestus (Vulcan).

Key Terms: Mount Olympus, Seasons, ambrosia, nectar

Zeus: How does Zeus gain power? Why is he depicted as having so many extramarital affairs? Who is even stronger than Zeus? Where is his oracle? How does it work? What are some of the objects associated with him? What is the **aegis**?

Hera: Who is she and whom does she protect on earth? Who is **Ilithyia**? What city/bird/animal are associated with her? How would you describe her relationship with her husband?

Poseidon: What does he rule? Who is his wife? Where does he live? What animal does he give to mankind? What (besides **Neptune**) is he frequently called? What is the **trident**?

Hades: what does **Pluto** mean? Who and what is he king of? What does his famous cap do to whoever wears it? Who is his wife? How would you describe his personality?

Pallas Athena: Who were her parents? Over whom is she the protector? What did she invent? What words are frequently used to describe her? What was her relationship like with Zeus? What does Parthenos mean? Where is the Parthenon? What is her bird/tree/city?

Phoebus Apollo: Who were his parents? Where was he born? What instrument does he play? What did he first teach men? Of what is he the god? Where was his oracle? What (besides the oracle) is so special about the site? How does the oracle work? What is a **tripod**? Who was **Python**? What does **Phoebus** mean? What is his tree/animal?

Artemis: What is she also called (besides Diana)? Who are her parents? Who are the three maiden goddesses? Describe her personality. What does she love to do? What is her connection to the moon? Who is **Hecate**? What animal/tree is sacred to her?

Aphrodite: Of what is she the goddess? How is she born? Who is her husband? What are her tree/birds? How would you characterize her personality?

Hermes: Who are his parents? What does he look like? What is his magic wand called? What does he invent? Describe his personality. Of what is he the god? What is his function for the realm of the dead?

Ares: Who are his parents? Of what is he the god? What is his personality like? Who are his companions on the battlefield? Why are their names apt? Who is his bird/animal? With whom does he have an illicit affair?

Hephaestus: What makes him different from the other gods? Who are his parents? What is his job? Who is his wife? Who helps him in his tasks? What is his relationship to volcanoes? Whom does he protect on earth?

Hestia: Of what is she goddess? How does she fit into the Olympian family? What is her role in founding colonies? What are the priestesses called who guard her flame in Rome?

See also <http://www.temple.edu/classics/mythdirectory.html>

The Lesser Gods of Olympus

Eros: Of what is he the god? What is his relationship to Aphrodite? How is he frequently represented? Who are his attendants, and what do their names mean?

Hebe: Of what is she goddess? Who were her parents? Who does she marry? What is her office at Olympus? Who is **Ganymede**?

Iris: Of what is she goddess? What is her job?

The Graces: How many are there? What do their names mean? What would they do at banquets? Could one go on vacation without the others?

Muses: How many? Who are their parents? What are their names and their particular fields?

Who are **Themis**, **Dike**, **Nemesis** and **Aidos**?

The Gods of the Waters

1. Who was **Poseidon**?
2. Who is **Triton**? Who are his parents? With what object is he associated?
3. What are **Proteus'** two useful powers?
4. Who are the **Naiads**? How do they differ from the **Nereids**?

The Underworld

1. Names to know: **Hades**, **Persephone**, **Charon**, **Cerberus**, **Styx**, **Lethe**, **Elysian Fields**, **Asphodel**.
2. What kind of mood exists in Hades? How is it set up? What is the role of the three judges?
3. Who are the **Furies** (the **Erinyes**)? Through what gate do true dreams come?

The Lesser Gods of Earth

1. Of what are **Demeter** and **Dionysus**, respectively, goddess and god?
2. **Pan:** Who is his father? He's part animal--which animal? Where does he live? What instrument does he play? How would you characterize his luck with the ladies? What is the relationship between him and our word "panic"? Describe his personality.
3. **Silenus:** What animal does he ride and why? Whom does he teach? What does he resemble in looks?
4. The **Sileni:** Describe them.
5. The **Satyrs**, **Dryads** or **Hamadryads:** Who/what are they? Where do they gather? Describe their appearance.
6. **Aeolus:** Of what is he king? What are the Greek names of the four chief winds and their direction?
7. **Chiron:** What type of creature is he? What would he look like? For what is he known?
8. **Gorgons:** What did they look like?
9. The **Graiae:** What is unusual about this trio of old women?
10. The **Sirens:** For what are they infamous?
11. The **Fates:** What is their Greek name? What do they do? What is the meaning of Clotho, Lachesis, and Atropos' names and how do they reflect their duties?

Study Guide for Chapter Two: The Two Great Gods of Earth

Do you agree with Hamilton's condemnation of the **Greek Pantheon** as mostly "harmful and capricious" in the first paragraph of this chapter?

Demeter: Of what is she goddess? Why does Hamilton argue that Demeter has to be a woman? When is her chief festival? Why do we not know more about the **Eleusinian Mysteries**?

Homeric Hymn to Demeter and a Study Guide to Demeter's Hymn

Who is **Persephone**? Where does she go? How does Demeter react to her disappearance? Why does she disguise herself? How does Demeter try to give **Demophoon** immortal youth? Why isn't she successful? How does Demeter suggest **Eleusis** can win back her good graces? What effect does Demeter's grief have on the earth? Why does **Zeus** pull rank on **Hades** and force him to return Persephone? What is the importance of the pomegranate? What sad message does **Rhea** bring to Demeter?

Dionysus: Of what is he god? Why does Hamilton call Dionysus and Demeter "suffering gods"?

Homeric Hymn to Dionysus and Study Guide

Who are **Dionysus's parents**? What awful fate befalls his mother? Why does Zeus have to uphold his promise? What is unusual about his birth? Why is Dionysus' birth of fire and childhood of rain appropriate for his function as god of the vine? Why do the pirates kidnap Dionysus? How does Dionysus exhibit his divinity to the pirates? What fate do the pirates suffer?

Who are the **Maenads** or **Bacchantes**? What do they look like? How do the followers of Dionysus differ in their worship from the attendees of the other gods? What are the two ideas present in the worship of this god?

Why does Dionysus return to **Thebes**? Who is **Pentheus**? Why does he ignore the advice of **Tiresias** and the band of soldiers? What awful fate does Pentheus experience? Why do you think Dionysus encouraged his demise?

What, besides **viticulture**, is Dionysus' greatest gift to the world? Where is his festival celebrated? What does the ceremony entail? Why and how does Dionysus die every year?

Study Guide for Chapter Three: How the World and Mankind Were Created

Questions:

What is the "world" like before the gods came on the scene? **Night** and **Erebus** are the first two children of **Chaos**. Who is their child? How is that child conceived? Why is this child so important for later developments? What is Hamilton's theory about the **personification of the Earth and Heaven**? Why does that personification blossom with the introduction of later figures? Who are the first creatures to have the appearance of life? Who comes next? How are they different than the monsters? Who injures Heaven? How and why? What springs from the blood of the injured Heaven?

Why does **Zeus** eventually overthrow **Cronus**? How does **Rhea** fool Cronus? How does Zeus rescue his siblings? What happens to the stone that fools Cronus?

Who helps Cronus in the war? Who are Zeus' allies? How does Zeus' punish his enemies after they lose? Who is **Atlas** and what is his fate? Who then must Zeus fight to become undisputed world champion?

Hamilton describes what the world is like after the destruction of the **Titans** and **Giants**. Get a good picture of the geography of the pre-human world. If you're confused, try to sketch a map. Who are the **Cimmerians**? The **Hyperboreans**? Where is the realm of the dead?

How was man created? What do **Prometheus**' and **Epimetheus**' names mean, and why are they apt? Why is Epimetheus a dunderhead? How does Prometheus come to man's aid?

Describe the various ages of man, starting with gold and ending with iron. How are the men like the metal that gives their age its name?

What two gripes does Zeus have against Prometheus? How does Zeus get revenge? What does **Pandora**'s name mean and why is it apt? Hamilton calls Pandora a "beautiful disaster." Do you agree? Why/why not. What is in Pandora's infamous box? Why does she open it? What is the result? What does not come screeching out of the box, and why is it appropriate for hope to remain?

How does Zeus personally punish Prometheus for helping mankind? What does Prometheus know that could help Zeus in the future? In light of the fate placed on Zeus, what do you think of his philandering? How does Prometheus escape?

Does **the Deluge** remind you of any other stories? Why does Zeus send the flood? How many days does it rain? Who is saved? How? Why is Zeus not angry at their survival? What are they urged to do? At what solution do they arrive? How is the new race born?

Study Guide for Chapter Four: Early Heroes

Prometheus and Io

1. Who comes to see **Prometheus** on the rock?
2. Why does **Io** wander in a frenzy as a mad cow?
3. Who is **Argus**?
4. Why does Zeus order **Hermes** to kill **Argus**?
5. How does Hermes get Argus to fall asleep so that he can kill him?
6. What river must Io get to in order for Zeus to restore her?
7. What is the name of Zeus' and Io's son?
8. What famous mythological hero is a descendent of Io?

Europa

1. How does Zeus fall in love with **Europa**?
2. What does Zeus change himself into when he appears before Europa for the first time?
3. Where does Zeus take Europa after they cross the sea?

The Cyclops Polyphemus

1. Who lands his boat on the Cyclops's land?
2. How does Odysseus damage Polyphemus's eye?
3. Who is Polyphemus's father?
4. With whom does Polyphemus fall in love?

Flower Myths

Why is it natural for flowers to be connected with the gods?

Narcissus

1. How does Zeus use the narcissus flower to help Hades lure Persephone?
2. Why does **Hera** punish **Echo**?
3. How does she punish her?
4. What happens to Echo after she is rejected by Narcissus?
5. How does **Nemesis** punish **Narcissus**?
6. How does death set Narcissus free?
7. What happens to Narcissus's body after he dies?

Hyacinthus

1. How does **Hyacinthus** die?
2. What happens to Hyacinthus after he dies?

Adonis

1. What is the name of Adonis's flower?
2. With which two goddesses does Adonis split his time?
3. What seasons does he spend with each?
4. How does **Adonis** die?

Study Guide for Chapter Five: Cupid and Psyche

1. Why is **Venus** (a goddess), so jealous of **Psyche** (a mortal)?
2. What does Venus tell her son **Cupid** to do to Psyche?
3. How does Psyche feel about going to meet her destined husband? How does the rest of her family feel? Why?
4. Where is Psyche taken when she goes to the hilltop? What is surprising about the atmosphere and the way that she is treated?
5. How do Psyche's sisters react when they visit her and see all of her wealth?
6. What is significant about the story they make up about her husband?
7. What is the plan that Psyche carries out one evening? Why is she shocked at her findings?
8. Who does her husband turn out to be, and what does he do/say when he sees her?
9. Psyche searches everywhere for her husband. Where does she finally find him and what is he doing there?
10. What are the four things that Venus makes Psyche do out of bitterness and envy? How does Psyche manage to accomplish them? Does her story at this point remind you of any others you might have read?
11. Why does Psyche open the box of beauty, and what happens when she does?
12. How and why does Psyche become immortal?
13. Is Venus satisfied with this situation? Why or why not?
14. What does the name Psyche mean?

Study Guide for Chapter Six: Eight Brief Tales of Lovers

Pyramus and Thisbe: Why can Pyramus and Thisbe not marry? What separates them? Where do they arrange to meet? Why does Pyramus think Thisbe is dead? What does Pyramus do after he thinks Thisbe is dead? What does Thisbe do when she finds Pyramus? What happens to the mulberry tree?

Orpheus and Eurydice: At what is Orpheus skilled? After Orpheus and Eurydice are married, what happens to Eurydice? How does this happen? Where does Orpheus decide to go? What does Orpheus ask? What are the conditions of the agreement? What happens when Orpheus breaks the condition?

Ceyx and Alcyone: Why are Ceyx and Alcyone going to be apart? What does Alcyone do every night while Ceyx is away? What happens to Ceyx?

What does **Juno** decide to do for Alcyone? Who does Juno send and to whom does she send her? What does **Somnus'** son do? What does Alcyone do when she wakes up? What does she decide to do when she sees what is in the water? What do the gods do to the two lovers? Why is the sea calm seven days each year?

Pygmalion and Galatea: At what is Pygmalion skilled? What does Pygmalion hate? Of what does he make a statue, how does he feel about it? Why? What god/goddess helps Pygmalion? What does Pygmalion ask of the god/goddess? Why does Pygmalion think something favorable will happen? What does he find when he goes home? Whom does Pygmalion marry?

Baucis and Philemon: What gods decided to visit **Phrygia**? What trait is very important to the god? In what form do the gods visit the town? How do most people respond to the gods? How do Baucis and Philemon respond to the gods? What happens to the wine being served? What happens when Baucis and Philemon try to catch the goose? What do the gods tell them? What happens to their house? What does the couple ask of the gods? What happens when the couple die?

Endymion: What is Endymion's job? What does everyone think about him? What does the Moon do when she sees him? What happens after the Moon comes down to him? How often does the Moon come down to him?

Daphne: What does Daphne like to do? What does she hate? Who falls in love with her? What does Daphne do when he starts to pursue her? What happens when she reaches the river? What does her father do to help her? What does the god chasing her decide to do after that?

Alpheus and Arethusa: What is Arethusa first, and whom does she follow? What does she avoid? What happens when she swims in the river? What happens when she runs out of the river? What does Alpheus want? On whom does Arethusa call, and what does the god do? Is Arethusa really freed from Alpheus?

Study Guide for Chapter Seven: Jason and the Argonauts

1. Who is the king of Greece? What is the state of his marriage?
2. How does **Ino** plan to get rid of the King's children? How is her plan thwarted?
3. What happens to **Phrixus**? How does he thank the gods and the King?
4. Who is **Jason**? What has he set out to do? Who is **Philius**? On what terms will Philius give Jason his kingdom?
5. Who joins Jason on his journey? Which god protects them? What is the name of the ship?
6. What is **Lemnos** and who are the people living there? What happens to **Hercules**? *
7. Who were the **Harpies**? Who was **Phineus**? How is he punished? How do Jason and his companions help him? What advice does Phineus give Jason?
8. Who are the **Amazons**?
9. What does **Hera** ask **Aphrodite** to do? Why? What is **Cupid** told to do? How does this action effect **Medea**?
10. For what does Jason ask **King AEetes**, and what is his response?
11. What is the trial the king gives Jason? How and why does Medea help him? For what is the rock?
12. What guards the fleece?
13. What goddess continues to take care of the Argonauts on their return trip?
14. What is the situation when Jason returns with the **fleece**?
15. What does Medea trick Pelias's daughters into doing?
16. How does Jason upset Medea? What does she threaten?
17. Who does Medea find caused her to fall for Jason? How does she react?
18. What does Medea give to Jason's bride? What happens to her?
19. What does Medea do after the murder? What is Jason's response?

Study Guide for Chapter Eight: Four Great Adventures

Phaethon

1. Who is Phaethon's mother?
2. Why does Phaethon seek out the Sun god?
3. What does Phaethon ask to do? Why is the Sun reluctant to allow this request?
4. Describe the route the Sun travels daily. What is the road like? The horses? The monsters?
5. As soon as Phaethon drives the chariot, what do the horses realize? How do they react?
6. What happens to the world during Phaethon's ride? What does Mother Earth request? How does Jove react? What happens to Phaethon?

Pegasus and Bellerophon

1. Who is **Glaucus**? How does he bring the wrath of the gods upon himself? What is his fate?
2. Who is rumored to be **Bellerophon's father**? Who is his **mother**? Why does it seem likely he is the son of a god?
3. What does Bellerophon want? Who is **Polyidus**? What does he advise Bellerophon to do?
4. What is Bellerophon given so he can gain **Pegasus**? Who gives it to him?
5. Why does **Anteia** want her husband to kill Bellerophon? Why will he not do so? What does he do instead?
6. What does the letter to the **King of Lycia** read? What does the king do in response?
7. Name three great beings Bellerophon conquered.
8. Did **Bellerophon** and **Proetus** ever reconcile? How?
9. What eventually causes the beginning of Bellerophon's demise? How does he die?
10. What happens to Pegasus after Bellerophon's death?

Otus and Ephialtes

1. Who is their father? What are they commonly called?
2. Who do they imprison? How do the gods free this prisoner?
3. What do they strive to do? How do they want to accomplish their goal?
4. How does **Poseidon** convince **Zeus** not to throw his thunderbolt?
5. What two goddesses do **Otus** and **Ephialtes** love (respectively)? In reality, for whom did they really only care?
6. How does **Artemis** lead the two to their deaths? Why are their deaths especially painful?

Daedalus

1. What is Daedalus' profession? What famous object does he build?
2. Who is **Daedalus' son**?
3. Why does **King Minos** imprison **Daedalus** and his son?
4. How do Daedalus and his son escape?
5. Of what does Daedalus warn his son? What happens when his son does not heed this warning?
6. To where does Daedalus flee?
7. How does King Minos know where he is?
8. What happens to King Minos?

Study Guide for Chapter Nine: Perseus

1. What does the **priestess** tell **King Acrisius** about his daughter, **Danae**?
2. Why does Acrisius refuse to kill his daughter?
3. Who visits Danae in her chamber? In what form?
4. Who is **Perseus**?
5. What does Acrisius do to make sure that his grandson will not kill him?
6. Who discovers Danae and Perseus? What does he do with them?
7. Why does **Polydectes** want to kill Perseus? What is his plan?
8. What happens to anyone who lays eyes on **Medusa**?
9. What is **Hermes'** plan to find the way to the **nymphs of the North**?
10. What does Hermes give to Perseus? Why is it special?
11. What does Athena give Perseus? How will it help him?
12. What gifts do the **Hyperboreans** give to Perseus?
13. What do the three **Gorgons** look like? Why can only Perseus kill Medusa?
14. Why is **Andromeda** being punished? What is her punishment?
15. What does Perseus do to the **great snake**? Why?
16. What happens when Perseus enters the banquet?
17. What becomes of **Acrisius**?
18. Who keeps Medusa's head? What does she do with it?
19. Who is **Electryon**?

Study Guide for Chapter Ten: Theseus

1. What are the terms for **Theseus** to receive his father's gifts?
2. Why does Theseus not want to travel by sea? Who is his role model? What is his relationship to him?
3. What are Theseus's ideas of dealing with justice? When he arrives at **Athens**, why is he an acknowledged hero?
4. Why does the King want to poison Theseus? Whose original plan is it? Why? Does Theseus become poisoned? Explain.
5. Why does **Minos** demand fourteen youths and maidens? What/ who is **Minotaur**? What happens to these youths? What are Theseus's true intentions in offering himself?
6. Who is **Ariadne**? What happens when she first sees Theseus? Whom does she consult for help? What is his advice? How does Theseus kill Minotaur? Does Ariadne make it to Athens? Why?
7. Why does Theseus's father kill himself? Who takes over Athens? Explain the new government in Athens.
8. Who bears Theseus a son? What is the son's name?
9. Who is Theseus's friend?
10. Who are the **Centaurs**? What happens at the wedding?
11. Whom does Theseus want to marry? Whom does **Pirithous** want to marry? When the friends go to the underworld, who knows their plan? What is the fate of Pirithous? Of Theseus?
12. Whom does Theseus marry? What is her relation to Ariadne?
13. Who falls in love with **Hippolytus**? Who is behind it? Why?
14. What happens when Hippolytus rejects **Phaedra**? What does Phaedra leave behind? What does it say? How does Theseus react? What is Hippolytus's fate? What does Artemis tell Theseus?
15. After death of Hippolytus, where does Theseus go? How does he die?

Study Guide for Chapter Eleven: Hercules

Hercules is honored as the greatest hero of Greece except where? Whom do they consider to be the greatest hero?

1. Why does Hercules consider himself an equal to the gods?
2. Who is Hercules willing to fight to get an answer from the **oracle**?
3. What is the only thing that can overcome Hercules?
4. How does Hercules show a greatness of soul?
5. Where is Hercules born? Who are Hercules' **mortal parents**? Who is his **biological father**?
6. What does Hercules do when the two **snakes** approach his crib?
7. Whom does Hercules first kill by accident?
8. Whom does Hercules first marry? What happens to him after he and his wife have three sons? What happens to them? Who causes this to happen?
9. Who stops Hercules from trying to kill himself?
10. To whom does the **priestess** tell Hercules to go? Why?
11. How many labors does Hercules have to complete? Who helps **Eurystheus** devise these labors?
12. Who is in love with the girl Hercules wants to marry? What happens to him? Who becomes Hercules' wife?
13. With whom does Hercules spend the night on his way to get to the man-eating **mares of Diomedes**?
14. Why does **Admetus' wife** die?
15. Why does Hercules bring **Alcestis** back from the dead?
16. What aspects of Hercules' character are clearly evident in the story of **Admetus** and **Alcestis**, considering the ancient Greeks' perspective?
17. Whose city does Hercules capture? Why?
18. What does the man say to **Deianira**?
19. What does the Centaur **Nessus** say his blood would do?
20. What does **Deianira** do when she hears what her gift had done to Hercules?
21. Whom does Hercules marry when he goes to heaven?

Study Guide for Chapter Twelve: Atalanta

1. What does Atalanta's father do to her when she is born?
2. Who takes care of **Atalanta** after her father abandons her?
3. What is the situation with the two centaurs?
4. Whom does **Calydon** send to punish **King Orneus** and why?
5. Describe Atalanta when she joins the **Argo**.
6. Who falls in love with her?
7. Who wounds the **boar**, and how is it wounded?
8. Who finishes killing the boar?
9. Who opposes giving the skin to Atalanta?
10. Who is **Meleager's mother**?
11. How is the boar hunt the cause of Meleager's death?
12. What does Meleager do to them?
13. Whom does Atalanta beat in a wrestling match?
14. With whom does she reconcile?
15. Discuss Atalanta's conditions for marrying.
16. How does her husband succeed? Which goddess helps him?
17. What was **Atalanta's son's** name?
18. Into what kind of animals are Atalanta and Meleager turned?

Study Guide for Chapter Thirteen: The Trojan War

Prologue: The Judgment of Paris

What does **Eris** throw into the banquet hall to cause trouble among the goddesses? Why?

What are the three things that Hera, Athena, and Aphrodite offer Paris? Whom does Paris choose?

The Trojan War

1. Who is **the most beautiful woman in the world**? Who is her biological father? Who is chosen to be her husband?
2. What does Paris do officially to spark the **Trojan War**? Why do the chieftains of Greece help **Menelaus** against Troy? Which two of the chieftains were missing at first? Why?
3. Why is **Artemis** angry at the Greeks? What does she demand of them to calm the wind and ensure a safe voyage to Troy? Do they do what she asks?
4. Why is it brave for **Protesilaus** to be the first to leap ashore? Who is the greatest of the Trojan warriors? Of the Greek warriors? What does each of them know will happen to them before Troy is taken?
5. For how many years does victory go back and forth? What two Greeks have a fight that turns outcome in favor of the Trojans? What is the fight about?
6. Which gods are on the side of the Trojans? Which are on the side of the Greeks?
7. What does **Aphrodite** do to protect **Paris** when he fights alone against **Menelaus**? What happens to keep the Greeks and Trojans from coming to an agreement?
8. Who almost dies at the hand of **Diomedes**? Who tries to stop Diomedes? Are they successful?
9. How is **Ares** stopped when he is fighting for Hector with the Trojans? Does this loss hurt the Trojans? How do the Trojans try to fix it?
10. Why does Zeus leave Olympus and go to help the Trojans himself?
11. What nickname do the Trojans give **Hector**?
12. How do the Greeks try to appease **Achilles**? What is his response?
13. What is **Hera's** plan? Does it work? How does Hector escape harm? Who has been helping the Greeks against Zeus' wishes? Who stops the Greeks from conquering Troy? How?
14. Who revives **Hector**? To whom does Achilles give his armor and men? Why? What happens when **Patroclus** meets Hector face to face? Who gets Achilles' armor?
15. Why does Achilles enter the fight again? Who makes his new armor? Who is appointed by Zeus to die during this battle?

16. Why does Hector not flee into Troy? Who accompanies Achilles in battle? Why does Hector stop his flight around the walls of Troy? Who does he think is his ally? Who is it really? What covenant does Hector try to make with Achilles? Does Achilles accept?
17. Does Achilles succeed in killing Hector the first time he throws his spear? Who brings it back to him? Why doesn't Hector's spear kill Achilles?
18. What does Achilles do with Hector's body? What three gods on Olympus do not mind the abuse of the dead? How does the King regain Hector's body? How many days do they mourn Hector? Describe the funeral.

Study Guide for Chapter Fourteen: The Fall of Troy

1. Why did Apollo guide the arrow into **Achilles'** heel? How had Achilles' mother been careless?
2. What did Athena do to **Ajax**? When Ajax saw what he had done, what did he say? What did he do?
3. What did the prophet Helenus predict about the war?
4. When **Paris** was wounded, what did he request? What happened to him and to Oenone?
5. What plan did **Odysseus** craft in order to infiltrate Troy? Be complete in your answer.
6. What story does **Sinon** tell to the Trojans?
7. What happens to **Laocoon** and how does this affect the Trojan's reaction?
8. Describe the battle. What did some of the quick-witted Trojans do?
9. What is **Priam's** fate?
10. Who was the only god(dess) to help the Trojan's that day? What happens to her son?
11. Identify **Hecuba**. How did the fall of her family mark the end of Troy?

Study Guide for Chapter Fifteen: The Adventures of Odysseus

1. Which two gods are the Greeks' greatest allies? Why do these gods later punish them?
2. What power does **Apollo** give to **Cassandra**? Why does Apollo turn against her? What is Cassandra's fate?
3. What happens to **Agamemnon**, **Menelaus**, and **Ajax** after they leave Troy?
4. Which characteristic causes Ajax's downfall?
5. How long does **Odysseus** wander before he sees his home?
6. Who is **Penelope**? What task does she want to complete before she will marry any of her suitors? Why is the task never completed?
7. Why does **Athena** favor **Odysseus**? Which god has no sympathy for Odysseus?
8. Who is **Telemachus**? What is his personality like?
9. What disguise does Athena take? What does she instruct Telemachus to do?
10. Which two men most likely know something about Odysseus' fate?
11. Whose form does Athena take the second time she appears to Telemachus?
12. To which god do **Nestor** and his sons offer a sacrifice?
13. Why does **Menelaus** have to hold down **Proteus**? Under what do he and his men hide?
14. Which **nymph** keeps Odysseus?
15. Of what are **Hermes's** sandals made? What powers are in his wand?
16. Why does **Calypso** not want to free Odysseus? What does she make for Odysseus?
17. Who spots Odysseus on the sea? Why does Odysseus not want to die in the storm? Who helps Odysseus in the storm? What does she tell Odysseus to do? Who calms the waves?
18. To whom does the country (where Odysseus washes ashore) belong? What is their way of life?
19. Who finds Odysseus in the trees? What does she set out to do? How do she and her servants complete their work? What does she do for Odysseus? Why can't she take him to her father herself?

Odysseus' Tale at Court of the Phaeacians

1. Ten days after leaving Troy, why does Odysseus have to tie down some of his men?
2. Why is **Poseidon** angry with Odysseus?
3. What does **King Aeolus** give Odysseus? What is in it? Why does he give it to him? What does his crew do to it? what happens as a result?
4. Who destroys the whole fleet except for Odysseus' ship?
5. Who lives on **Aeaea**? What happens to Odysseus' remaining crew? How does Odysseus avoid their fate? Who tells Odysseus how to save himself? What eventually happens to the crew?
6. How is Odysseus told to get to the entrance to **Hades**? Whom is he supposed to consult? What is Odysseus supposed to do to make him come?
7. To whose island is Odysseus to go next? Who lives there, and why are they harmful? To avoid these people, what does Odysseus order the crew to do to themselves and himself?
8. At the **Island of the Sun**, what are Odysseus and his crew not to do? What does the crew do, and what happens to them?
9. What do the **King of the Phaeacians** and the chiefs give Odysseus before he leaves the island?
10. Where does Odysseus wake up? Who is disguised as a shepherd? As what does Athena disguise Odysseus?
11. Where does Telemachus go before going back to his house? Whom does he find there? What does Odysseus tell Telemachus to hide?
12. Who is **Argos**, and what does he do after he recognizes Odysseus?
13. What does Odysseus tell Penelope when she calls for him?
14. What two challenges does Penelope give the suitors? Who completes the challenges?
15. After the fight, whom does Odysseus spare?
16. How does Odysseus finally prove himself to Penelope?